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FOR

: GAMMA-AMINOBUTYRIC ACID DERIVATIVES CONTAINING SOLID

COMPOSITIONS AND PROCESS FOR PREPARING THE SAME

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

## AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

August 6, 2002

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

## **AMENDMENT**

Responsive to the Office Action dated February 6, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 12 as follows.

Claim 12 (twice amended). A process for the preparation of a solid composition containing a 4-amino-3-substituted-butanoic acid derivative having the general formula

 $R_1$   $R_2$   $R_2$ 

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wherein,

R<sub>1</sub> is a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group/a methyl group or an ethyl group;

R<sub>2</sub> is a monovalent group selected from:

a straight or branched alkyl group of 3 - 8 carbon atoms;

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